



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Seattle District



Joint Public Notice

Application for a Department of the Army Permit and a Washington Department of Ecology Water Quality Certification and/or Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence

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Public Notice Date: March 25, 2008
Expiration Date: April 24, 2008

Reference No.: NWS-2007-1842-SO
Name: Washington State Parks &
Recreation

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

APPLICANT: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
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LOCATION: In Redman Slough, a tributary to Grays Harbor, and adjacent wetlands near Westport, Grays Harbor County, Washington.

WORK: The proposed work is to develop day-use recreational facilities at Bottle Beach State Park. Jurisdictional work associated with park development includes dredging/excavating 1,200 cubic yards of old fill material from Redman Slough and placement of this material, along with additional structural fill materials, into 0.84 acres of wetlands for a proposed parking lot. Other non-jurisdictional work includes construction of a vault toilet, boardwalk, surfaced trail, pedestrian bridge, and bird viewing platforms. Construction of the vault toilet, boardwalk, surfaced trail, pedestrian bridge, and bird viewing platforms do not require authorization because they either take place in uplands or do not involve a discharge of fill material into wetlands.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the park improvements is to provide safe access to Bottle Beach State Park and minimize human impact to the Park's natural state by providing a designated day use area for visitors. The purpose of the dredging/excavation work in Redman Slough is to restore the historic channel width and increase flood storage capacity to aid in the alleviation of flood damage of upstream properties.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The proposed park improvements are being evaluated and constructed in two-phases as requested by Washington State Parks and Recreation. Jurisdictional work subject of Phase 1 included dredging 16 cubic yards of sediment from Redman Slough. This work was authorized by Nationwide Permit 19 (*Minor Dredging*) (NWS-2007-1609-SO) in October, 2007. Phase 1 non-jurisdictional work included the replacement/enlargement of a footbridge over Redman Slough which may be regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard. Work subject of this public notice covers Phase 2 of the project, as described above.

MITIGATION: To mitigate for the placement of fill material into 0.84 of an acre of wetlands, a vegetation enhancement program is proposed to include aggressive maintenance and removal of Scotch broom, evergreen blackberry, and Himalayan blackberry within onsite wetlands and associated buffers. Native plant composition will be increased throughout the wetland system by establishing scrub-shrub and emergent vegetation within areas overgrown by reed canary grass, blackberry, and scotch broom. Site preparation includes the placement of a 3-inch blanket of compost material prior to plant installation and applying a 3-inch blanket of mulch (up to 1,540 cubic yard of both compost and mulch materials) to all planting areas to prevent infestation of weeds, encourage plant survival, and maintain moisture. Restoration efforts will focus on the enhancement of 8-acres of palustrine wetlands. Other mitigation features include the installation of habitat features including large woody debris, snags, and composted brush piles to increase habitat structure and complexity within the site.

Additional proposed mitigation includes the removal of 70 cubic yards of fill material placed in 0.017 of an acre of wetlands many years ago by previous landowners to restore historic wetland functions. Excavated areas will be revegetated with native wetland species. The excavated material will be used as fill material for the proposed parking lot described above.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. A preliminary determination indicates that the activity will not affect endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat. Consultation under Section 7 of the ESA is not required.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has determined that the proposed action will not adversely affect designated EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters. No further EFH consultation is necessary.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. Known historic properties occur in the vicinity of the proposed project. However, they do not occur in the permit area. Due to the project area's position in the landscape (i.e. adjacent to Redman Slough), there is the potential for unknown historic properties to occur in the permit area. An historic properties investigation is ongoing. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area. This public notice initiates consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act with any Tribe that has information or concerns with historic properties in the proposed permit area.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION – CORPS - The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

The described discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

EVALUATION—ECOLOGY: Ecology is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, Native American Nations or tribal governments, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Ecology will be considering all comments to determine whether to certify or deny certification for the proposed project.

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION: This proposal is the subject of Shorelines Substantial Development Permit No. 2007-2687 which has been issued by Grays Harbor County.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commentor's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

Corps comments: All e-mail comments should be sent to james.d.green@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Attn: Jim Green, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington, 98124-3755.

Ecology Comments: Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to a request for water quality certification under Section 401 of the CWA and/or Coastal Zone Management consistency concurrence, may do so by submitting written comments to the following address: Department of Ecology, Attn: SEA program – Federal Permit Coordinator, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7600, or e-mail to ecyrefedpermit@ecy.wa.gov

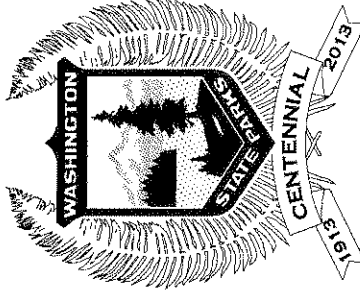
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To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: Washington State Parks & Recreation – File No. NWS-2007-1842-SO

Encl: Figures (5 drawing sheets)

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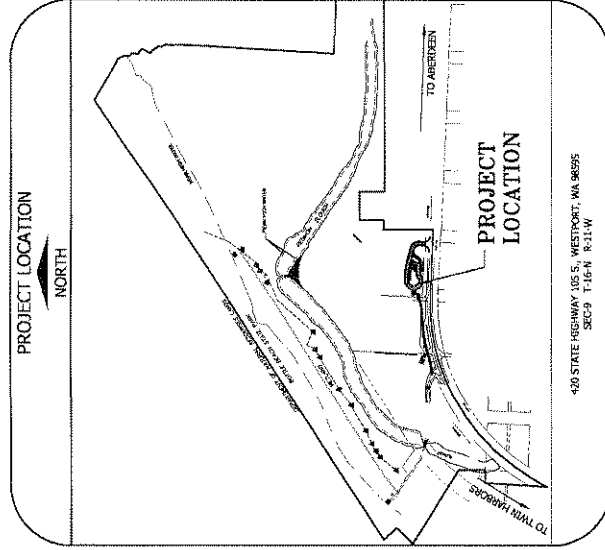
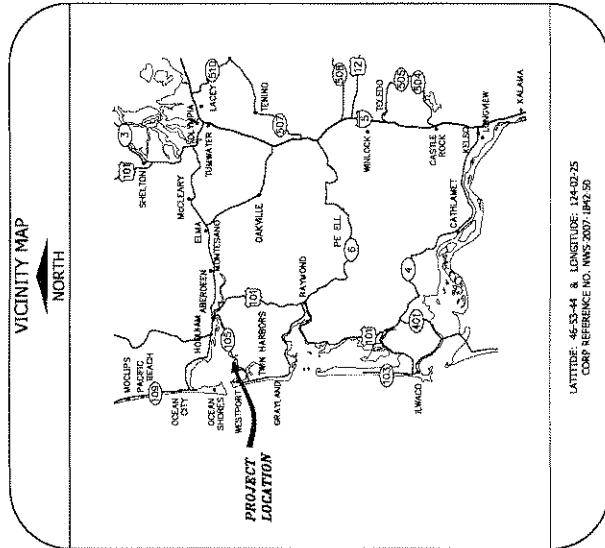


Park Manager: EDWARD GIRARD

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TWIN HARBORS STATE PARK BOTTLE BEACH IMPROVEMENTS PARKING LOT AND FILL REMOVAL



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